

**Docket No. 2020-229-E****Responses of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. to Request for Information from General Counsel to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
January 14, 2021**

1. A signal to the reader of the Additional Notice in the heading or caption including words to indicate specifically the type of adjustment or impact the filing could potentially have on customers. See guidance provided in Order No. 2019-214.

**Response:** DESC provides the following signal shown in bold below:

Docket No. 2020-229-E - Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Establishment of a Solar Choice Metering Tariff Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-182-E) **(This filing involves a request for approval of a new rooftop solar rate designed to reduce costs imposed upon all customers who do not utilize rooftop solar, while allowing rooftop solar customers to self-supply power without penalty.)**

2. A summary or explanation of the Solar Choice Metering Tariff proposed by DESC to include the rates and charges proposed (Subscription fee and any minimum charges).

**Response:** DESC provides the following summary:

In compliance with the General Assembly's mandate, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") requests Commission approval for a new rooftop solar rate designed to reduce costs imposed upon all customers who do not utilize rooftop solar, while allowing rooftop solar customers to self-supply power without penalty. DESC is proposing Solar Choice Tariffs that will be available to Residential and Small General Service Customers applying for new service after May 31, 2021. DESC has designed these tariffs to better align the cost to serve rooftop solar customers and non-rooftop solar customers. Rooftop solar customers will take service subject to a monthly Basic Facilities Charge (\$19.50 for Residential, \$32.50 for Small General Service) and a monthly Subscription Fee (\$5.40 per kW-AC for Residential with a minimum Subscription Fee of \$16.20, \$6.50 per kW-AC for Small General Service with a minimum Subscription Fee of \$48.75). For power delivered from DESC to the customer, customers will pay rates based upon seasonal on-peak and off-peak pricing, as set forth below:

- i. Residential

1. Summer

- a. On-peak: \$0.16749/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.06735/kWh

2. Winter

- a. On-peak: \$0.18417/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.06735/kWh

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- ii. Small General Service
  - 1. Summer
    - a. On-peak: \$0.17030/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.06874/kWh
  - 2. Winter
    - a. On-peak: \$0.18764/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.06874/kWh

Additionally, rooftop solar customers will continue to consume self-generated power without penalty and will be compensated for excess energy delivered to DESC at time-based solar generation rates. The initial rates were developed in accordance with approved avoided costs under Order No. 2020-244. These rates, which will be updated annually, are set forth below:

- i. Residential
  - 1. Summer
    - a. On-peak: \$0.03651/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh
  - 2. Winter
    - a. On-peak: \$0.03796/kWh
    - b. Off-peak: \$0.03622/kWh
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3. A summary or explanation of how the proposal impacts existing net metering customers and non-participating customer.

**Response:** DESC provides the following summary:

- a. The proposed tariffs will benefit non-rooftop solar customers by eliminating, to the greatest extent practicable, any subsidy currently paid by non-rooftop solar customers to subsidize the rooftop solar industry, while still encouraging the adoption of rooftop solar by allowing rooftop solar customers to consume the power they produce without penalty and allowing those customers to export excess solar generation to DESC.
- b. Existing net energy metering customers have the option to take service under the proposed tariffs after May 31, 2021, but all net energy metering customers who wish to continue taking service under a net energy metering tariff must do so under the Solar Choice Tariffs upon expiration of their current net energy metering tariff. Customers taking service under DESC's Rider to Retail Rates – Second NEM for Renewable Energy Facilities have the option to remain on their existing tariff until December 31, 2025. Customers taking service under DESC's Rider to Retail Rates – Third NEM for Renewable Energy Facilities can remain on their existing tariff until May 31, 2029 (Note: This program will stop accepting new participants on May 31, 2021).